

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on February 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Worthington in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Elder,  
Worthington

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Briggs, Kidd

**STAFF PRESENT:** Wilfred Wong, Community Development  
Director; Lance Lowe, Associate Planner;  
Joseph Scarbrough, Assistant Planner Intern;  
Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

The new owner of Mr. Pickles at 445 Grass Valley Highway introduced himself and shared sandwiches with the Commission members and the audience.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. **Historic Design Review - 337 Lincoln Way (Hanna Deck Railing) - File HDR 09-3.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval to install a black metal railing on the second story deck located at 337 Commercial Street.

Planner Lowe presented the staff report. He explained that of the three buildings that are two-story, two have railings. In October, 2007 the Historic Design Review Commission approved one store front sign and several facade improvements for "Ever After", a business at this

location. All of the improvements previously approved have not been completed.

Staff considers the proposed railing compatible with the existing railings and consistent with the Historic Design Review Guidelines. The new railing, posts and rim joists will be painted black. Staff supports this application.

Comm. Spokely asked if the door that exits onto the deck is a functioning door.

Planner Lowe replied that it is. Historic photos show that the door has been there, although a deck and railing have not been there.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Mitch Hanna of 337 Commercial Street is the owner of the building. The overhang was rotted, so they decided to make it structurally sound for actual use. The new railing is necessary for safety.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Vitas **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 09-3 as presented, approving the installation of a deck railing as illustrated in Exhibit B.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Elder, Worthington  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Briggs, Kidd

The motion was approved.

**B. Historic Design Review - 922 Lincoln Way (East Wind Yoga) - File HDR 09-1.** The applicant requests approval for the installation of one 5.3 square foot hanging sign, and one 10 square foot wall sign for East Wind Yoga located at 922 Lincoln Way.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. The building is within Phase 1 of the Streetscape project. The project poses no conflicts with the Streetscape project. The wall sign contains the business telephone

number and website address, due to the fact that the business is appointment based. Staff recommends approval of the signs.

Comm. Young asked if the two signs are within 6 feet of each other.

Planner Scarbrough replied that they are.

Chair Worthington asked how far from the sidewalk the bottom of the sign is.

Planner Scarbrough replied that he believes it is 8 feet.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Bud Bolander with Bolander Design stated that he is a partner in the building ownership. His business designed the signs. He stated that the sign hanging over the sidewalk is per code and he believes it is 7' 6" from the sidewalk to the bottom of the sign.

Comm. Young asked if there is a rear entrance to the building.

Mr. Bolander replied that there is a rear entrance, however there is no signage there at this time. They hope to add signage in the future.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Chair Worthington **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 09-1, approving one 5.3 square foot hanging sign and one 10 square foot wall sign, as modified to ensure that the clearance from the ground level to the bottom of the hanging sign shall meet the building code regulations.

Comm. Snyder **SECONDED**.

AYES: Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Elder, Worthington  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Briggs, Kidd

The motion was approved.

C. **Historic Design Review - 812 B Lincoln Way (Bliss Studio) - File HDR 09-4.** The applicant requests approval for the installation of one ±21 square foot wall sign and one ±8 square foot wall sign for Bliss Studio located at 812 B Lincoln Way.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided the details about the signs, including size, color, material and location. Staff recommends approval of the Bliss Studio signage.

Comm. Spokely asked for clarification about the maximum sign area allowed.

Planner Scarbrough explained that the actual frontage on Lincoln Way is 35 feet, therefore 21 feet is allowed. Director Wong further explained that each side of the building is considered a separate frontage.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Carrie Lawson of 271 Greenfield Avenue in Auburn introduced herself.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Vitas **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 09-4 as presented, approving one  $\pm$  21 square foot wall sign and one  $\pm$  8 square foot wall sign for Bliss Studio located at 812 B Lincoln Way.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Elder, Worthington  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Briggs, Kidd

The motion was approved.

**ITEM VI: COMMISSION BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM VII: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VIII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM IX: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

None.

**ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant